

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (cancelled)
2. (previously presented) An imaging apparatus comprising:
a media carrier;
at least two exposure heads spaced apart from one another,
each exposure head disposed to image a portion of a single sheet of media secured on the media carrier, or one of at least two sheets of media secured on the media carrier; and
an adjustable mechanism for moving the exposure heads relative to each other to change a spacing therebetween wherein the adjustable mechanism comprises a heater located to controllably heat a rigid spacer coupling the exposure heads.
3. (cancelled)
4. (currently amended) ~~An apparatus according to claim 3,~~
An imaging apparatus, comprising:
a media carrier;
at least two exposure heads spaced apart from one another,
each exposure head disposed to image a portion of a single sheet of media secured on the media carrier, or one of at least two sheets of media secured on the media carrier;
an adjustable mechanism for moving the exposure heads
relative to each other to change a spacing therebetween while each exposure head is imaging;
wherein the media carrier is a cylindrical drum and the
media is secured to an external surface of the drum; and

wherein each exposure head is traversed by a leadscrew nut coupled to the exposure head and located on a common leadscrew and the adjustable mechanism comprises a coupling between at least one of the leadscrew nuts and the associated exposure head capable of being displaced relative to the other exposure head.

5. (previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the at least one of the leadscrew nuts is displaced by rotating the at least one of the leadscrew nuts on the common leadscrew.

6. (original) An apparatus according to claim 5, comprising an auxiliary motor for rotating the at least one of the leadscrew nuts in response to signals provided by a controller.

7. (original) An apparatus according to claim 4, wherein each of the leadscrew nuts is rotatable and the common leadscrew is held fixed.

Claims 8-14 (cancelled)

15. (previously presented) An imaging apparatus, comprising:
a media carrier;
at least two exposure heads spaced apart from one another, each exposure head disposed to image a portion of a single sheet of media secured on the media carrier, or one of at least two sheets of media secured on the media carrier;
an adjustable mechanism for moving the exposure heads relative to each other to change a spacing therebetween during imaging;
wherein the media carrier is a cylindrical drum and the media is secured to an external surface of the drum; and
a speed controller connected to allow a traverse speed of at least one of the exposure heads to be controlled sufficiently precisely to adjust a position of a last channel to within less than one beam width.

16. (cancelled)

17. (previously presented) A method according to claim 40, wherein in the event of a failure of one of the at least two exposure heads the imaging of any number and size of media is completed by another one of the exposure heads.

18. (previously presented) A method according to claim 40, wherein the relative spacing between the two or more exposure heads is adjusted by aligning each of the exposure heads to a target.

19. (previously presented) A method according to claim 40, wherein each exposure head has at least one imaging beam, the method further comprising determining the pointing location of the imaging beam and adjusting the spacing between the exposure heads in accordance with the pointing location of the imaging beam.

20. (previously presented) A method according to claim 40, comprising joining the portion imaged by each exposure head to form a unitary image on the single sheet of media secured on the media carrier.

21. (original) A method according to claim 20, wherein the joining comprises at least partially overlapping the portions imaged by each exposure head.

Claims 22-38 (cancelled)

39. (previously presented) An imaging apparatus, comprising:
a media carrier;
at least two exposure heads spaced apart from one another, each exposure head disposed to image a portion of a single sheet of media secured on the media carrier, or one of at least two sheets of media secured on the media carrier;

an adjustable mechanism for moving the exposure heads relative to each other to change a spacing therebetween while each exposure head is moving concurrently; and

wherein each exposure head is disposed to image along a scan path, and the adjustable mechanism is disposed to change the spacing along a direction substantially perpendicular to the scan path.

40. (previously presented) A method of imaging with at least two exposure heads, the method comprising:

loading at least one sheet of media on a media carrier;

measuring a temperature of an adjustable mechanism for moving the exposure heads relative to each other to change a spacing therebetween;

adjusting the spacing between the exposure heads in accordance with the measured temperature; and

imaging with each exposure head, a portion of a single sheet of media secured on the media carrier, or one of at least two sheets of media secured on the media carrier.

41. (cancelled)